



## James T. Gilmer,

A Native of Columbia, Acquires  
An Interest in a Large Dry  
Goods Concern.

The following article is taken from the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser. The subject is a son of Mr. Alfred Gilmer, who was a merchant in Columbia for many years. "Jimmie T." as he was familiarly called here, left this place with his father and sisters for Missouri when he was about twelve years old. He entered a dry goods store as a clerk before he reached his majority, and has been remarkably successful, as the article which follows shows:

J. T. Gilmer, one of the best known and most progressive of the younger business men of Kansas City, has acquired an interest in the Knowles Dry Goods Company of Montgomery and in future will devote his entire time to the active management of the merchandise end of that well known dry goods house. Impressed with the great commercial possibilities of Montgomery, Mr. Gilmer has left Kansas City, where he had the most flattering business prospects, and come to Montgomery to assist in widening the already large business of the Knowles Dry Goods Company.

Mr. Gilmer has been twenty years in the dry goods business. He is one of the best known men in his line in the country. For the last five years he has been the buyer of the Jones Dry Goods Company, one of the big dry goods concerns of the West. As buyer for this large house, he has each year visited the largest American and European markets. Six weeks ago he had no idea of leaving Kansas City. He was successful in his business and a flattering future was opened to him. He had just returned from a buying trip to European markets. A. H. Munger, the well known business man of Kansas City, member of the firm of Burnham, Hanna, Munger Company, interested him in the Knowles Dry Goods Company, and the fine commercial prospects in Montgomery.

He came to Montgomery to look over the field. The more he looked the better pleased he was. He spent thirty days in the city carefully going over the situation. By the end of that time he had acquired an active interest in the Knowles Dry Goods Company, and was most enthusiastic over the Montgomery outlook.

He was not only pleased with the city as a business center, but was delighted with the city as a place of residence.

Mr. Gilmer has already formulated a number of plans for the increase of the business of his company in Montgomery, which is one of the best known dry goods concerns in Alabama. He proposed to make it one of the best known in the South, and he will devote his entire time to its upbuilding. His wide experience in buying has given him a splendid equipment for taking charge of the merchandise end of the company's business.

Mr. Gilmer is from a well known Southern family. Although born in Kentucky, and although he has lived a number of years in Kansas City, he comes of the family that founded New-

berne, S. C., in colonial days.

Those who know Mr. Gilmer prophesy that he will become one of the most active and useful citizens of Montgomery.

### The Outlook For General Trade.

The test of retail demand and general consumption indicate a steady, though slow, recovery from the depression which has prevailed for a year.

Business is not normal, but it is not far from it in some lines. The better class of investment securities are fairly well held, as far as prices are concerned, and even the speculative portion shows decided strength.

Conditions surrounding iron and steel are good. Building is expanding, and there is a disposition on the part of the railroads to order more freely. Some of the leading systems are ordering new cars, and as these are made largely of steel and iron, it has significance in showing that the railroads do not keep out of the market permanently. If buying of rails were on a line with other purchases the output of iron would be not far from what it was during the best months in other years.

It has been noted that labor is better employed and that the demand is improving from month to month. In this connection another fact is to be noted. Immigration has begun. Steerage arrivals for the last month are in excess of the departures. This is construed to mean less idleness among day laborers. Were it otherwise, the departures would be in excess of the arrivals.

### A Dodge.

Instead of meeting the issue fairly and squarely, the Republican spell-binders sent out by the Republicans in this campaign, entirely dodge the important issues of tariff, publicity of campaign contributions, the unjust oppressions of the trusts, etc., and try to fall back on the free silver question that was advocated by Mr. Bryan in his former campaigns, when they know it is as dead as a door-nail, and has been ever since the unexpected discovery of immense amounts of gold in Alaska and other rich gold fields. They try to dodge the question of the present Republican panic by saying that the Republican party is the only party that can cure a panic. The medical profession says that it is easier to prevent a disease than to cure the disease after it has got you down. On the same line of reasoning it seem that it would be easier to prevent a panic than to remedy, and cure it after the whole country has been in the grip of a serious panic for a year. All this panic has been under the complete rule of the Republicans and it does seem that it is time to change doctors. The patient is sick—sick into death, and it is time to try a Democratic doctor. It is Bryan and the masses, or Taft and the classes; choose ye this day whom ye will serve.—Allen county Times.

A report from Menifee county states that three different buildings used for school purposes were burned within 30 days at Mariba. The schoolhouse was first burned, then two other buildings were rented for the purpose, when each of them was burned.

## TO PEOPLE OF ADAIR COUNTY!

It takes money to run a campaign and it takes a great deal of it to successfully engineer one of national scope. The present attitude of the Democratic party excludes contribution from the powerful corporations and trusts and consequently must rely on the loyalty, patriotism and free-will offerings of the great common people to meet the demands of legitimate campaign expenses and the sooner this is met the more life, enthusiasm and effectiveness will be given the work necessary to win. It is the duty, as well as a privilege, for every person who believes in and desires democratic success to contribute to this fund. A request has been made that Democratic papers solicit for this purpose and forward same to the National Committee. We obey the suggestion and ask every true Democrat to help in this fight to restore to the great bulk of the people their rights, their privileges and the blessings of a free government. Any amount from one dollar up will be cheerfully received and promptly forwarded to the Committee. Fill out the following and enclose your contribution:

#### EDITOR NEWS:

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### The Drought of 1854.

The year 1854 was the driest ever known in Kentucky. It was the driest we have had since that date. I was acquainted with old persons who could recollect way back to the first settlement of the State and they had never seen or heard of such a drought. There was a heavy rain about the last of May, which washed the fencing off, carried away bridges and washed the soil away. After the great rain it did not rain any more until the first of October following. The creeks, ponds and nearly all of the springs went dry. Farmers had to dig for water for family use and for their stock. A great many farmers hauled water from the Big Spring at Georgetown and from Elkhorn, writes A. E. Stockdell in the Georgetown Times.

There was a light crop of wheat; very little hay and less of vegetables and but little corn, from one to twelve bushels per acre, and most of that of an inferior quality. In the northwestern part of the county there was a large part of the land in a state of nature, covered with large white oak trees and all of them full of acorns, which was used instead of corn to fatten hogs, and what acorns were left over the stock hogs had to winter on. On the 28th day of February, 1855, it turned cold and remained cold until the middle of March. About the time it turned cold mast in the woods gave out and a large per cent of hogs died; also some horses, cattle and sheep died.

There were good crops of corn in Indiana, but it was very hard to get into Kentucky, as there were but two railroads in the State; one from Louisville to Lexington and one from Covington to Lexington. Corn had to be hauled in wagons from the stations.

### Woman Fakir Sells Rich Silks.

Some weeks ago a lady came to Danville representing herself as sales lady and advertising agent for a large New York 'Silk

House. She carried an elaborate line of samples and made enticing prices. Fine silks that retail at big prices were offered as low as twenty-five cents per yard. A number of Danville ladies bought heavily, paid in advance for the goods, which were never delivered and never will be. Some days later an upholstering man came along gathering up furniture which he proposed to do over. He took the furniture but has never shown up and many are anxiously awaiting his return. The moral of these experiences is that the citizens of every town should deal with their home people who they know are responsible.—Danville Advocate.

### The First Instance.

When Judge William H. Taft, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, undertook his western speaking tour, he was accompanied by three trained newspaper men, who are on the pay roll of the Republican National Committee. This is the first instance in the history of the Republic that a candidate for the great office of President has felt the necessity of having attached to him the modern press agent. The fact that Judge Taft has on his train three newspaper men, who are supposed to look after the publicity end of this western trip, is indicative of the extremity in which he finds himself. There is a striking contrast in the campaigns of the great men who have aspired to the Presidency in the past and that of the Republican candidate this year. George Washington and all his immediate successors reached the voting public on horseback. Look at the 'father of injunction' in comparison. Before entering upon his first campaign tour, he needs have a special train a force of press agents, who do not work for newspapers but for the trust ridden Republican party, and a postal card system begging the presence of voters to greet him at railroad stations.—Sun.

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**DEMOCRATIC TICKET**

For President,

WM. J. BRYAN, of Nebraska.

For Vice-President,

J. W. KERN, of Indiana.

For Congress,

A. G. PATTERSON, of Bell county.

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce R. L. DURHAM a Democratic candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, in the Eleventh Judicial District, composed of the counties of Green, Taylor, Marion and Washington, subject to a primary called for SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 1908.

The political battle is now nearing an end and while the great majority of people have settled the matter in their minds as to how they will vote, yet the effort to produce a change of sentiment and action is at its height. In all the campaigns of the past the present one has no equal, in many respects. It has been one in which the plain people have been given an opportunity to look at the real issues and to see the drift of government toward centralization. The people are aroused, and from every section the Republicans are heavy losers. That Mr. Bryan will be elected can not be doubted, unless millions of dollars are spent in a number of Republican States. The only thing that can possibly pull Mr. Taft through is money, and judging from the tone of reports that will not do it. The Republicans and Independents who are for Bryan and Kern are not of the selling kind. They are men who place their country above their party when the party fails to meet the reasonable demands of business and fair play. The situation is a most hopeful one to all interested in the election of Mr. Bryan. He has made an able, fair and clean fight, and will be elected by the largest electoral and popular vote that any man ever received from the American people. If you are for the principles of the Democratic party, cheer up, for a great victory is certain on November the third.

Republican speakers are trying to make the farmers believe that they are unusually prosperous. They tell about the high price of wheat and corn and credit it to the Republican party, but the same speakers fail to say anything about the heavy decline in the price of mules, horses and other stock. The shrinkage in the price of live stock in this section would many times outbalance the advance in wheat and corn. Certainly no man is so ignorant as to believe such stuff as has been dished out by Republican speakers in this section. The drought, broad as the country, reduced the yield and the advance in bread stuff was inevitable. The panic of Mr. Roosevelt reduced the price of nearly everything except manu-

factured articles which are Trust controlled, and many of them have advanced. The farmers are just beginning to see and feel the depression.

The old saying, "vote as you shot," served its purpose and was considered by many devout Republicans to be their duty. Now to these same devout men we simply suggest that it would be well to vote as you pray. You are aware of the fact that Mr. Taft does not believe that Christ was the Son of God, or that he is the Saviour. If you believe in putting such a man at the head of our Nation then it appears a most propitious time for calling in all our Foreign Missionaries. This is not given as a political scheme, but is a condition that confronts the people and they must determine what is best. How any man who loves his Saviour, who believes in the spread of the gospel, and wants the people saved can accept such a candidate merely because of political faith seems a mystery. Mr. Bryan is a true Presbyterian, and is therefore sound on all the great doctrines of salvation and would reflect much credit on our religion if elected President. You may lightly consider this, but it is no trivial matter, and later on you may have regrets when too late to undo.

Chairman Mack, of the Democratic National Committee, last Saturday night gave out a statement in New York, in which he predicted that Mr. Bryan would receive 301 electoral votes. Chairman Mack said the election would be a veritable landslide, in spite of the fact that the Republican party had accumulated a tremendous slush fund. He said he understood that the Republican organization had accumulated \$3,000,000, which would be used in several of the debatable States. "But," he said, "they cannot defeat us with \$50,000,000." Mr. Mack had a conference with Mr. Bryan on the candidate's private car in Jersey City, and said that while Mr. Bryan understood that the Republican National Committee had vast sums of money, he expressed confident belief of his election.

If prosperity is here why not start the mills to cutting lumber? Why not sell your timber, mules and horses? Mr. Taft is pledged to carry out that which Mr. Roosevelt began, and if elected we believe he will do exactly what he is bidden to do. The panic is not over it Mr. Roosevelt's policy is to be continued, and you may mark this down as certain.

About fifty night riders were arrested in Tennessee, in the Reelfoot Lake district last Sunday. They are charged with being implicated in the murder of Capt. Rankin and assaulting Judge Taylor. There is talk of Gov. Patterson declaring martial law, and if he does there will be some military hangings.

Every Democrat in Adair county, who is a voter, should be at the polls next Tuesday and cast his suffrage for Bryan and Kern electors.

If you want a reduction in the robber tariff go to the polls next Tuesday and vote the Democratic ticket.

The rooster that never took ink will be on deck in our next issue. He is game and well grown.

**1098 Fall Announcement 1908**

I desire to say to my customers of Adair and adjoining Counties that I have just returned from Cincinnati where I purchased an immense line of Fall and Winter goods. My shelves are now crowded with the very latest designs in.—

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**Shoes!! Shoes!!**

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Everything else kept in a general store can be found at my place of business.

I thank you for past favors and ask the continuance of same.

Very truly,

**W. L. WALKER, Columbia, Ky**

Democrats are making a whirlwind canvass in Indiana and Ohio. They have four special trains now traversing these States, carrying able speakers, who make short addresses at every stop. Both States are regarded as doubtful, and the Democrats are doing every thing in their power to carry them.

Republicans now claim that they can elect Mr. Taft without New York, an admission that the State will be carried by the Democrats. When Mr. Bryan closes his speaking tour in New York this week there will be no longer a doubt as to how it will vote next Tuesday.

The Democratic party stands for good government. If you want to see better times than we have been having for the last fourteen months, go to the polls next Tuesday and vote for Bryan and Kern electors.

Mrs. McCreary, the wife of United States Senator Jas. B. McCreary, died at Richmond last Saturday. She was one the most prominent women in Kentucky.

If you want a change in general business conditions, then vote for a change. Mr. Taft is pledged to continue the policy that brought about present conditions.

If you don't like Congressman Edwards, then give Mr. Patterson your vote; he is an able lawyer, and a gentleman of good ability, good enough for any man's Congressman.

Next week the News will not be published until Wednesday morning. Our columns will be held open in order to give the result of this election.

**How Should Christians Vote?**

(From E. Town News.)

There is not the slightest doubt that Christians should vote as they pray. Because a man is given the right of citizenship and the right to vote in the selection of those who govern and make the laws of the country, he is not released from any of his Christian obligations. In fact this is a Christian country his obligations to his religion should invariably accompany him to his voting booth. Any Christian who casts a ballot in any election which injures Christ's kingdom on Earth either directly or indirectly does violence to his religion and interferes if it does not retard the spread of the gospel. In this Christian country it is so general that those who are candidates for office are Christians that the question is hardly ever thought of by Christians, except in the selection of men of good moral worth and probity of character. We do not believe in religion in politics in the sense in which it is generally used but we do believe in Christianity in politics. We do believe that every citizen who has confessed the name of the Lord Jesus Christ owes higher allegiance to the King of Kings than to any political party. That when any

hurt is threatened to Christianity in the selection of a candidate for office to the cause of Christ that party ties should not be considered for a moment.

The question of Christianity has been raised in this Presidential election. Judge Taft, the Republican nominee is a Unitarian. The Unitarian denies the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He denies the existence of the Trinity and believes as the word Unitarian signifies on one God. A unitarian is not a Christian. He disputes the voice from heaven. "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." He destroys the plan of salvation. He makes the crucifixion a mockery and the hope of salvation by the belief in His resurrection a farce. This country has never elected a President who did not believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ. As far as we know there never was a candidate before the people for this high office who doubted the Divine origin of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Constitution of the United States does not prescribe any man from holding the office of President on account of his religious beliefs or the lack of them. This is a wise provision of the law. For in the discharge of the duties of this office religion has no part, as we have seen in the advancement of the church and of this Kingdom than all the Kingdoms of this world. It is written to call your attention to this matter that you may vote in the fear of God.

honesty. As a citizen we could find in him almost an ideal candidate. As a Christian we could not vote for him if we subscribed to all of his political views because we believe his election would be a serious blow to Christianity.

In the last few years foreign missions have made marvelous strides in converting the heathen to the belief in Christ. We are sending out thousands of men and women into the benighted and heathen countries and contributing millions to their support, following the injunction of Christ himself. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Every missionary tells the story of this Christian land, what Christianity has done for it and what it can do for the individual. It would be the most damaging blow that Christians could strike to this cause which is dear to their hearts, to elect a Christless candidate President. The heathen in answer to the plea to accept Christ would answer you have elected your President. who does not believe in Christ. You want us to accept what you do not accept yourselves. This matter is not one of politics it is a matter of conscience. This article is not an appeal to your citizenship but to your Christianity and because we are more concerned in the advancement of the Kingdom than all the Kingdoms of this world. It is written to call your attention to this matter that you may vote in the fear of God.







